IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TETRAZOLE DERIVATIVES FROM ORGANO BORON AND ORGANO

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 31, 2007, the period for responding has been extended to April 30, 2008. Applicant elects Group V drawn to claims 1-9 and 11-16 for continued examination.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment related to the filing of this Amendment to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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